GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3106
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
IRREGULARITIES IN SUPER BAZAR
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Super Bazar Officer suspended for graft` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated June 14, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government have enquired into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to check recurrence of such irregularities in Super Bazar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLICDISTRIBUTION (SHRI K. SRINIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Serious irregularities were detected in the award of contract of `Sant Longowal Tower` in Rajendra Place, New Delhi toM/s V.V. Construction & Company. Tender procedure had been violated and prior approval of Board of Directors of Super Bazar had not been obtained. Taking note of the role of Sh. S.P. Pathak, former Managing Director, Super Bazarand Sh. S.P. Nayyar, Chief Vigilance Officer, Super Bazar and pending initiationof departmental proceedings for major penalty against them, Sh. Nayyar has been placed under suspension and proposal for suspension of Sh. Pathak has been referred to the cadre controlling authority.

CBI have also registered an FIR against Sh. S.S. Dhuri, former Chairman, Super Bazar, Sh. Harcharan Josh, former Member of th Board of Director of Super Bazar, and Sh. J.S. Sidhu, former Chief Engineer-cum-Security Officer, Super Bazar in this case.

(e) : Does not arise.

(f) : It is expected that strict action against those involved in irregularities of this nature will check such irregularities in future.